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21 January 1959

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Plans)

SUBJECT: 117L Advisory Committee Report

REFERENCES: (a) COR-0207, dated 15 January 1959
 (b) Letter from Aaron Katz to 117L
 Advisory Committee Chairman,
 dated 31 December 1958
 (c) ARPA Letter Referred to in Katz's
 Letter

1. I note with understanding your reaction in Reference (a) to the latest 117L Advisory Committee report and will assist [redacted] anyway that I can in the assignment you have placed upon [redacted] him. I would point out that earlier Rand reports (probably authored by Katz) recommended a recovery package and that repeated references to this subject have been made in past 117L Advisory Committee Meetings along with discussions of vehicles, boosters, etc. This would indicate to me that Katz knows nothing about CORONA, despite his question as to "the name of the game being played," but rather that Katz is still pushing for his original proposal of a recovery package as the best idea, a concept with which CORONA would certainly agree.

2. The additional purpose of this memorandum is to convey another document Reference (b) which is a copy of a letter from Mr. Aaron Katz to 117L Committee Chairman, [redacted] in his final version of the subject report. Reference (c) is a copy of the ARPA letter referred to by Katz.

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3. Perhaps it is still in order to repeat my suggestion offered with the 117L Advisory Committee Report that [redacted] and I meet with you when convenient to discuss the latest turn of events. Following this, if not before, [redacted] and I could meet to consider the risks that 117L discussions impose on CORONA and what recommendations might be in order to suppress or remove them.

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Enclosures: (2)

A copy of each of Ref. (b) and (c)

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